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North West Shropshire Combined Health District

Public Health Office,
8, Oswald Road,
Oswestry,
Shropshire.

May, 1953.

To the Mayor, Chairmen and Members of the Council comprising the North West Health Districts of Shropshire.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1952. The Minister of Health has directed that it should contain information asked for in Circular 42/5 dated 10th December, 1951, which means that it will be similar to last year. Except for the Vital Statistics provided by the Registrar General, the facts and figures are mainly the work of the Sanitary Inspectors for whose help and co-operation I am much indebted, and also to the Clerk of the Department for whom the preparation of the report involves much hard work and diligence. Officials of other departments have always been ready with advice and help when asked for, and I am grateful to them.

My period as Medical Officer of Health has been made very pleasant by the kindness and consideration always shown to me by the members of the Councils.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

L. WILSON EVANS

GENERAL STATISTICS
1952

The following are the general statistics for the different districts in the area:—

ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT.

Area in acres	1,206
Population figure given by the Registrar General	2,136
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1952	730
Rateable value	£13,378
Sum represented by a penny rate	£54

OSWESTRY MUNICIPAL BOROUGH.

Area in acres	2,180
Population figure given by the Registrar General	10,870
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1952	3,318
Rateable value	£84,226
Sum represented by a penny rate	£339.14.2

WEM URBAN DISTRICT.

Area in acres	905
Population figure given by the Registrar General	2,353
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1952	770
Rateable value	£13,913
Sum represented by a penny rate	£57.19.5

WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT.

Area in acres	5,996
Population figure given by the Registrar General	6,774
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1952	2,093
Rateable value	£39,039
Sum represented by a penny rate	£157

ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT.

Area in acres	51,117
Population figure given by the Registrar General	9,155
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1952	1,960
Rateable value	£32,414
Sum represented by a penny rate	£128

OSWESTRY RURAL DISTRICT.

Area in acres	61,527
Population figure given by the Registrar General	20,840
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1952	4,947
Rateable value	£77,551
Sum represented by a penny rate	£311

WEM RURAL DISTRICT.

Area in acres	60,417
Population figure given by the Registrar General	12,530
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book at end of 1952	3,193
Rateable value	£53,179
Sum represented by a penny rate	£221.11.7

NORTH WEST SHROPSHIRE COMBINED DISTRICTS.

Area of whole district in acres	183,348
Population of whole district	64,657
Area of County of Salop	861,800
Population (1951)	293,500

ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Live births.			
Legitimate	25	25	50
Illegitimate	0	1	1
	25	26	51
* Birth rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	23.9
	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths.	14	23	37
† Death rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	17.3
Still Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	1	0	1
Still Birth rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	0.47

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.

Number of children under 1 year of age who died in 1952 1

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 births 19.6

Number of Women dying in consequence of child birth. 1

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 births 19.2

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0	0	0
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	0	0	0
,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ...	0	0	0

* Birth Rate after correction by comparability factor 29.3

† Death Rate after correction by comparability factor 13.1

OSWESTRY MUNICIPAL BOROUGH

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Live births.			
Legitimate	87	77	164
Illegitimate	5	3	8
	92	80	172
* Birth rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	15.8
	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths.	75	91	166
† Death rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	15.3
Still Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	1	0	1
	3	1	4
Still Birth rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	0.37

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.

Number of children under 1 year of age who died in 1952	6
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 births	34.9

Number of Women dying in consequence of child birth.

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 births ...	...	... ...	0
	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0	0	0
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	0	0	0
,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ...	0	0	0
* Birth Rate after correction by comparability factor	...	... ...	16.2
† Death Rate after correction by comparability factor	...	... ...	14.8

WEM URBAN DISTRICT

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Live births.			
Legitimate	14	14	28
Illegitimate	0	1	1
	14	15	29
* Birth rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	12.3
	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths.	12	12	24
† Death rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	10.2
Still Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	1	0	1
Still Birth rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	0.42

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.

Number of children under 1 year of age who died in 1952 2

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 births 68.9

Number of Women dying in consequence of child birth.

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 births 0

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0	0	0
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	0	0	0
,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ...	0	0	0

* Birth Rate after correction by comparability factor 13.4

† Death Rate after correction by comparability factor 8.4

WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Live births.			
Legitimate	66	53	119
Illegitimate	0	1	1
	66	54	120
* Birth rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	17.7
	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths.	48	43	91
† Death rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	13.4
Still Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	1	0	1
Still Birth rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	0.15

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.

Number of children under 1 year of age who died in 1952	4
Deaths of Infants under 1 year per 1,000 births	33.3

Number of Women dying in consequence of child birth.

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 births ...	...	... ...	0
	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0	0	0
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	0	0	0
,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ...	0	0	0
* Birth Rate after correction by comparability factor ...	...	... ...	18.7
† Death Rate after correction by comparability factor	...	... ...	11.9

ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Live births.			
Legitimate	64	57	121
Illegitimate	2	5	7
	66	62	128
* Birth rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	14.0
	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths.	39	37	76
† Death rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	8.3
Still Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	3	1	4
Still Birth rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	0.43

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.

Number of children under 1 year of age who died in 1952 ...	2
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 births	15.6

Number of Women dying in consequence of child birth.

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 births ...	...	... ...	0
	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0	0	0
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	0	0	0
,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ...	0	0	0
* Birth Rate after correction by comparability factor ...	...	... ...	19.8
† Death Rate after correction by comparability factor	...	... ...	9.4

OSWESTRY RURAL DISTRICT

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Live births.			
Legitimate	146	132	278
Illegitimate	6	7	13
	152	139	291
* Birth rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	13.9
* Birth Rate after correction by comparability factor	...	... ...	16.6
	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths.	120	98	218
† Death rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	10.4
† Death Rate after correction by comparability factor	...	... ...	11.3
Still Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	4	3	7
Illegitimate	0	1	1
	4	4	8
Still Birth rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	0.38

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.

Number of children under 1 year of age who died in 1952 9

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 births 30.9

Number of Women dying in consequence of child birth. 1

Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 births 3.34

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0	0	0
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	0	0	0
,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ...	0	0	0

WEM RURAL DISTRICT

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Live births.			
Legitimate	139	94	233
Illegitimate	6	4	10
	145	98	243
* Birth rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	19.4
* Birth Rate after correction by comparability factor	...	... ...	21.3
	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths.	54	53	107
† Death rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	8.5
† Death Rate after correction by comparability factor	...	... ...	8.1
Still Births.	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	3	1	4
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	3	1	4
Still Birth rate per 1,000 population	...	... ...	0.18
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.			
Number of children under 1 year of age who died in 1952			3
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 births			12.3
Number of Women dying in consequence of child birth.			**1**
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 births ...	...	... ...	4,05
	Male.	Female.	Total.
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0	0	0
,, ,, Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	0	0	0
,, ,, Diarrhoea (under 2 years) ...	0	0	0

BIRTHS, DEATHS, STILL BIRTHS, INFANT MORTALITY, MATERNAL MORTALITY FOR THE SEVEN DISTRICTS COMBINED

DISTRICT	Total Births	Birth Rate	Total Deaths	Death Rate.	Still Births.	Still Birth Rate. Per 1,000 Population.	Infant Deaths	Infant Mort.	Maternal Deaths.	Maternal Mort. Per 1,000 Live.
ELLESMERE U.D. ..	51	23.9	37	17.3	1	0.47	1	19.6	1	19.2
OSWESTRY M.B. ..	172	15.8	166	15.3	4	0.37	6	34.9	—	—
WEM U.D. ..	29	12.3	24	10.2	1	0.42	2	68.9	—	—
WHITCHURCH U.D. ..	120	17.7	91	13.2	1	0.15	4	33.3	—	—
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS ..	372	16.8	318	14.4	7	0.31	13	35.0	1	2.7
ELLESMERE R.D. ..	128	14.0	76	8.3	4	0.43	2	15.6	—	—
OSWESTRY R.D. ..	291	13.9	218	10.4	8	0.38	9	30.9	1	3.34
WEM R.D. ..	243	19.4	107	8.5	4	0.18	3	12.3	1	4.05
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS ..	662	15.6	401	9.43	16	0.37	14	21.1	2	3.0
WHOLE OF NORTH WEST SHROPSHIRE	1034	16.0	719	11.12	23	0.35	27	26.1	3	2.9
COUNTY OF SALOP, 1951 ..	4407	15.0	3719	12.7	121	0.41	140	30.4	1	0.22
ENGLAND AND WALES ..	673559	15.3	497290	11.3	15578	0.35	18425	27.6	496	0.7

CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSE.	Ellesmere U.D.	Oswestry M.B.	Wem U.D.	Whitchurch U.D.	Ellesmere R.D.	Oswestry R.D.	Wem R.D.	North West District.	1951
Tuberculosis, respiratory ..	1	—	—	1	1	1	2	6	13
Other forms of Tuberculosis ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Syphilitic disease	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	2	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	6	3
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	—	7	—	—	4	7	4	22	24
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	4	1	1	—	3	3	13	7
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	1	—	3	2	1	1	8	7
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	2	—	3	1	3	1	10	6
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	2	17	1	14	5	16	5	60	51
Leukaemia, aleukaemia ..	1	—	—	—	1	2	1	5	2
Diabetes	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	5	7
Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	21	3	16	10	32	13	103	85
Coronary disease, angina ..	—	22	3	9	6	28	12	80	77
Hypertension with heart disease	1	5	1	3	1	2	2	15	35
Other heart disease	12	43	9	14	10	57	21	166	183
Other circulatory disease ..	1	6	1	1	1	6	9	25	30
Influenza	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	4	26
Pneumonia	1	2	—	1	2	8	3	17	19
Bronchitis	—	6	2	5	1	4	5	23	41
Other diseases of the Resp. system	2	—	—	—	2	1	1	6	6
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum ..	1	—	—	1	1	2	2	7	4
Gastritis, Enteritis and diarrhoea	—	1	—	1	1	4	—	7	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis ..	—	6	—	2	—	2	2	12	10
Hyperplasia of prostate ..	—	2	—	—	—	2	1	5	17
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	1	—	—	—	—	1	1	3	—
Congenital malformations ..	—	2	—	1	—	4	—	7	6
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	14	3	12	15	20	8	75	97
Motor vehicle accidents ..	1	—	—	—	3	2	—	6	5
All other accidents	—	3	—	2	2	5	3	15	13
Suicide	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	1	—
Homicide & operations of war ..	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	4	7
All causes	37	166	24	91	76	218	107	719	786

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS IN 1952

Age group	Urban Districts.				Rural Districts				N.W. Districts				A London Borough			
	M	F	Total	%	M	F	Total	%	M	F	Total	%	M	F	Total	%
0—5	10	6	16	5.0	8	11	19	5.2	18	17	35	5.1	34	22	56	3.3
5—10	1	—	1	0.3	3	2	5	1.4	4	2	6	0.9	2	3	5	0.3
10—15	—	1	1	0.3	—	1	1	0.4	—	2	2	0.3	—	3	3	0.2
15—20	—	—	—	—	3	2	5	1.4	3	2	5	0.7	3	5	8	0.5
20—30	3	1	4	1.3	2	2	4	1.2	5	3	8	1.2	7	9	16	1.0
30—40	2	—	2	0.7	10	1	11	3.0	12	1	13	1.9	22	21	43	2.6
40—50	6	6	12	3.8	10	7	17	4.6	16	13	29	4.2	46	36	82	5.0
50—60	20	16	36	11.3	20	18	38	10.2	40	34	74	10.7	129	101	230	14.0
60—70	37	28	65	20.5	44	25	69	18.6	81	53	134	19.5	219	152	371	23.0
70—80	37	52	89	28.1	71	51	122	32.4	108	103	211	30.7	228	257	485	29.6
80 and over	30	61	91	28.7	31	49	80	21.6	61	110	171	24.8	101	235	336	20.5
TOTALS	146	171	317	100%	202	169	371	100%	348	340	688	100%	791	844	1635	100%

INFANT MORTALITY

DISTRICT.	Under 1 day.		1—7 days.		7 days to 1 month.		1—3 months.		3—6 months.		6—9 months.		9—12 months.		Total.		Combined Total.	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Births.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
ELLESMERE U.D. ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	19.6
OSWESTRY M.B. ..	1	1	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	4	2	6	34.9
WEM U.D. ..	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	2	68.9
WHITCHURCH U.D. ..	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	4	33.3
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS ..	3	1	3	1	—	3	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	8	5	13	35.0
ELLESMERE R.D. ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	15.6
OSWESTRY R.D. ..	—	3	4	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	4	9	30.9
WEM R.D. ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—										
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS ..	—	4	4	1	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	1	2	3	12.3
WHOLE OF NORTH WEST							2	—	1	3	—	—	—	—	6	8	14	21.1
SHROPSHIRE	3	5	7	2	—	3			1	3	1	—	—	—	14	13	27	26.1
ENGLAND AND WALES ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	27.6

NEO-MORTALITY

Districts	Deaths of infants under 1 month.			Percentage of total infant deaths.	Rate per 1,000 live births.
	M	F	Total		
ELLESMERE U.D.	—	1	1	100	19.6
OSWESTRY M.B.	4	1	5	83	29.0
WEM U.D.	1	1	2	100	68.9
WHITCHURCH U.D.	2	1	3	75	25.0
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS	7	4	11	85	29.6
ELLESMERE R.D.	—	—	—	—	0.0
OSWESTRY R.D.	4	4	8	89	27.5
WEM R.D.	—	1	1	33	4.1
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS	4	5	9	64	13.6
WHOLE OF NORTH WEST SHROPSHIRE ...	11	9	20	74	19.3
ENGLAND AND WALES				66	18.9

CANCER

District.	Deaths. M	F	Total	Rate per 1,000 Population
ELLESMERE U.D.	2	1	3	1.40
OSWESTRY M.B.	13	18	31	2.85
WEM U.D.	1	1	2	0.85
WHITCHURCH U.D.	7	14	21	3.10
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS	23	34	57	2.57
ELLESMERE R.D.	7	5	12	1.31
OSWESTRY R.D.	15	15	30	1.44
WEM R.D.	8	6	14	1.12
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS	30	26	56	1.31
WHOLE OF NORTH WEST SHROPSHIRE ...	53	60	113	1.75
COUNTY OF SALOP (1951)	252	250	502	1.71
ENGLAND AND WALES				1.99

There was a considerable increase in the number of deaths from Cancer over the whole district, last year the figures were exceptionally low, this year they have gone to the other extreme and are the highest recorded, but this increase is confined to three districts.

Although the number of deaths from cancer has increased over the country in recent years actually the number of deaths in proportion to the increase in population during the period 1940 to 1951 was considerably less than for the period 1930 to 1939, the rate per million of the population of female deaths has continued to fall, but the rate for males has been going up again, this is entirely due to the continued increase of cancer of the lung which has gone from an average of 70 deaths per million of the population per year in 1931 — 35 to 250 in 1951. A particularly serious feature of cancer of the lung is that it attacks generally at an earlier age than other forms of cancer, it is chiefly confined to men. The reason for deaths from other forms of cancer showing a decrease may not be due to less incidence of the disease, but to an improvement in diagnosis and treatment resulting in a greater number of cures.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE, 1952

ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT

Ages.	Whooping Cough.	
	M.	F.
0—	—	—
1—	—	—
3—	—	—
5—	1	1
10—	—	—
15—	—	—
25—	—	—
45—	—	—
65 & over	—	—
Not known	—	—
TOTALS	1	1

OSWESTRY MUNICIPAL BOROUGH

Ages.	Scarlet Fever.		Whooping Cough.		Measles.		Diphtheria.		Pneumonia		Meningo-coccal Infection.		Food Poisoning.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0— ..	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
1— ..	1	2	4	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3— ..	3	1	9	6	4	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5— ..	4	3	7	7	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
10— ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
15— ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1
25— ..	—	—	1	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	1
45— ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—
65 & over ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Not known.	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	8	6	25	16	7	4	1	—	6	5	—	1	1	4

WEM URBAN DISTRICT

Ages.	Scarlet Fever.		Whooping Cough.		Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)		Measles.		Pneumonia.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0— ..	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
5—	—	—	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	1
3— ..	—	—	3	2	—	—	—	1	1	—
1—	—	1	2	6	—	—	—	1	—	—
10— ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
15— ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25— ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45— ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
65 & over ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2
Not known	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	—	2	6	9	—	1	1	3	3	4

WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT

Ages.	Scarlet Fever.		Whooping Cough.		Measles.		Pneumonia.		Erysipelas.		Puerperal Pyrexia.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	F.
0— ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— ..	—	—	—	—	2	2	—	—	—	—	—
3— ..	—	—	1	1	4	5	—	—	—	—	—
5— ..	4	—	—	1	7	8	1	—	—	—	—
10— ..	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
15— ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
25— ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
45— ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—
65 & over ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Not known	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ..	4	—	1	2	14	15	5	—	2	—	1

ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT

Ages.	Scarlet Fever.		Whooping Cough.		Measles.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
3— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
5— ...	1	2	1	—	—	—
10— ...	3	—	—	—	—	—
15— ...	1	—	—	—	—	—
25— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
45— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 & over ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not known	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	5	2	1	—	—	1

OSWESTRY RURAL DISTRICT

Ages.	Scarlet Fever.		Whooping Cough.		Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)		Measles.		Pneumonia.		Erysipelas.		Menin-gococcal Infection.		Food Poisoning.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0— ...	—	—	—	4	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— ...	—	—	5	15	—	—	8	9	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
3— ...	—	1	6	9	1	—	18	21	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
5— ...	7	1	5	5	—	1	27	27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
10— ...	—	2	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
15— ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	4	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
45— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
65 & over ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Not known	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
TOTALS ...	9	4	16	33	1	1	59	61	6	2	1	—	1	—	2	2

WEM RURAL DISTRICT

Ages.	Scarlet Fever.		Whooping Cough.		Poliomyelitis Paralytic		Poliomyelitis Non-paralytic		Measles.		Pneumonia.		Dysentery.		Para-typhoid Fever.		Erysipelas.		Puerperal Pyrexia.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M	F	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M	F.	F.
0— ...	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1— ...	1	—	3	1	—	—	—	—	10	11	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
3— ...	—	1	3	2	—	—	—	—	18	17	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5— ...	5	—	4	—	1	—	—	—	34	43	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
10— ...	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15— ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
45— ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
65 & over ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Not known	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	7	2	11	4	2	—	1	—	68	81	9	5	1	—	—	1	1	1	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASE TABLE FOR THE COMBINED DISTRICTS, 1952

Districts.	Disease.																						
	Diphtheria.	Deaths.	Dysentery.	Deaths.	Erysipelas.	Food Poisoning.	Deaths.	Measles.	Deaths.	Meningococcal Infection.	Deaths.	Para-typhoid Fever.	Deaths.	Pneumonia.	Deaths.	Poliomyelitis.	Deaths.	Puerperal Pyrexia.	Scarlet Fever.	Deaths.	Whooping Cough.	Deaths.
Ellesmere U.D. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
Oswestry M.B. ...	1	—	—	—	—	5	—	11	—	1	—	—	—	11	2	—	—	—	14	—	41	—
Wem U.D. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	1	—	—	2	—	15	—
Whitchurch U.D. ...	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	29	—	—	—	—	—	5	1	—	—	1	4	—	3	—
All Urban Districts	1	—	—	—	2	5	—	44	—	1	—	—	—	23	3	1	—	1	20	—	61	—
Ellesmere R.D. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	—	1	—
Oswestry R.D. ...	—	—	—	—	1	4	—	120	—	1	—	—	—	8	8	2	—	—	13	—	49	—
Wem R.D. ...	—	—	1	—	2	1	—	149	—	—	—	1	—	14	3	3	—	1	9	—	15	—
All Rural Districts	—	—	1	—	3	5	—	270	—	1	—	1	—	22	11	5	—	1	29	—	65	—
Whole of North West Shropshire ...	1	—	1	—	5	10	—	314	—	2	—	1	—	45	14	6	—	2	49	—	126	—

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE FOR THE COMBINED DISTRICTS, 1952

Disease.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Diphtheria	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Food Poisoning	—	9	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Measles	10	53	31	32	33	38	17	12	14	16	30	28
Meningococcal Infection	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Para-typhoid Fever B.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Pneumonia	6	8	6	4	5	2	2	—	3	3	2	4
Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	3	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
Scarlet Fever	2	2	4	5	2	6	1	2	—	10	6	9
Whooping Cough	28	18	32	21	4	2	4	3	—	2	9	3

FOOD POISONING, 1952

Districts.	M.	F.	Total.
Ellesmere Urban District	—	—	—
Oswestry Municipal Borough	1	4	5
Wem Urban District	—	—	—
Whitchurch Urban District	—	—	—
All Urban Districts	1	4	5
Ellesmere Rural District	—	—	—
Oswestry Rural District	2	2	4
Wem Rural District	1	—	1
All Rural Districts	3	2	5
Whole of North West Shropshire	4	6	10

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION, 1952

Districts.	Total number of children immunised during the year.	Number of cases in the year.	Immunised.	Not immunised.
Ellesmere Urban District	13	2	—	2
Oswestry Municipal Borough	75	41	7	34
Wem Urban District	2	15	7	8
Whitchurch Urban District	20	3	1	2
All Urban Districts	110	61	15	46
Ellesmere Rural District	37	1	—	1
Oswestry Rural District	95	49	—	49
Wem Rural District	47	15	—	15
All Rural Districts	179	65	—	65
Whole of North West Shropshire	289	126	15	111

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

District.	Under 5.	5-14.	Total.	Re-inforcing injections.
Ellesmere Urban ...	32	4	36	33
Ellesmere Rural ...	95	18	113	131
Oswestry Borough ...	136	28	164	195
Oswestry Rural ...	219	37	256	406
Wem Urban ...	10	5	15	36
Wem Rural ...	134	14	148	157
Whitchurch ...	62	5	67	54

VACCINATION

District.		Under 1 year.	1 year.	2-4 years.	5-14 years.	15 and over.	Total.	Re-vaccinations
Ellesmere Urban	59%	30	—	—	—	—	30	4
Ellesmere Rural	53%	67	1	2	—	—	70	11
Oswestry Borough	43%	74	2	5	9	8	98	34
Oswestry Rural	37%	109	1	4	4	7	125	81
Wem Urban	17%	5	—	—	1	—	6	—
Wem Rural	50%	122	6	3	10	—	141	10
Whitchurch	39%	46	—	—	—	—	46	8

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ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT

NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1952.

	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	—	2	1	—	1	2
Service Cases	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers	2	2	—	—	2	2
TOTALS	2	4	1	—	3	4
Cured	—	—	—	—	—	—
Left district	1	—	—	—	1	—
Deaths	1	—	—	—	1	—

Number of cases on Register at end of 1952.

Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1	8	3	1	4	9

Number of Primary Notifications in 1952—3.

OSWESTRY MUNICIPAL BOROUGH 1952

NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1952.

	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	6	1	—	—	6	1
Service Cases	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers	2	2	—	—	2	2
TOTALS	8	3	—	—	8	3
Cured	3	1	—	—	3	1
Left district	3	1	—	—	3	1
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—

Number of cases on Register at end of 1952.

Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
48	22	4	4	52	26

Number of Primary Notifications in 1952—4

WEM URBAN DISTRICT

NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1952.

	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	—	—	1	—	1	—
Service Cases	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	—	—	1	—	1	—
Cured	—	—	—	—	—	—
Left district	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths	1	—	—	—	1	—

Number of cases on Register at end of 1952.

Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
2	2	2	1	4	3

Number of Primary Notifications in 1952—1

WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT

NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1952.

	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	1	2	2	3	3	5
Service Cases	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers	1	—	—	—	1	—
TOTALS	2	2	2	3	4	5
Cured	—	—	1	—	1	—
Left district	4	1	—	—	4	—
Deaths	—	1	—	—	—	1

Number of cases on Register at end of 1952.

Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
11	8	7	6	18	14

Number of Primary Notifications in 1952—8.

ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT

NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1952.

	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	2	1	—	—	2	1
Service Cases	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers	11	1	—	1	11	2
TOTALS	13	2	—	1	13	3
Cured	—	—	—	—	—	—
Lef district	1	3	—	—	1	3
Deaths	—	—	—	—	—	—

Number of cases on Register at end of 1952.

Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
26	9	4	3	30	12

Number of Primary Notifications in 1952—2

OSWESTRY RURAL DISTRICT

NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1952.

	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	8	2	1	—	9	2
Service Cases	1	—	—	—	1	—
Transfers	4	1	—	—	4	1
TOTALS	13	3	1	—	14	3
Cured	3	2	—	—	3	2
Left district	6	1	—	—	6	1
Deaths	2	—	—	—	2	—

Number of cases on Register at end of 1952.

Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
33	20	9	5	42	25

Number of Primary Notifications in 1952—10.

WEM RURAL DISTRICT

NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1952.

	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	2	3	1	1	3	4
Service Cases	1	—	—	—	1	—
Transfers	2	5	—	1	2	6
TOTALS	5	8	1	2	6	10
Cured	—	—	—	—	—	—
Left district	—	—	—	—	—	—
Deaths	1	1	—	—	1	1

Number of cases on Register at end of 1952.

M.	F.	Non-Respiratory. M.	F.	Total. M.	F.
Respiratory.					
32	24	7	8	39	32

Number of Primary Notifications in 1952—5.

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TABLE SHOWING NOTIFICATIONS FOR THE COMBINED DISTRICTS FOR THE YEAR 1952.

	Respiratory.		Total.	Non-respiratory.		Total.	Total of all Notifications.
	M.	F.		M.	F.		
Ellesmere U.D.	2	4	6	1	—	1	7
Oswestry M.B.	8	3	11	—	—	—	11
Wem U.D. ...	—	—	—	1	—	1	1
Whitchurch U.D.	2	2	4	2	3	5	9
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS ...	12	9	21	4	3	7	28
Ellesmere R.D.	13	2	15	—	1	1	16
Oswestry R.D.	13	3	16	1	—	1	17
Wem R.D. ...	5	8	13	1	2	3	16
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS	31	13	44	2	3	5	49
WHOLE OF NORTH WEST SHROPSHIRE	43	22	65	6	6	12	77

NORTH WEST DISTRICTS .10
ENGLAND & WALES .21
Death Rate, Respiratory Tuberculosis per 1,000 population.

CLINICS AND HOSPITALS IN THE DISTRICT
TUBERCULOSIS

The Chest Physician attends at:—

Oswestry, the Clinic, Upper Brook Street, every Friday from 1.30 p.m. to 3.15 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Whitchurch, 27, St. Mary's Street, the first Friday in each month, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Shrewsbury, 17, Belmont, every Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

VENEREAL DISEASES

Facilities for Treatment.—Clinics.

OSWESTRY:

This Clinic will be closed from September 1st, 1953.

These are administered by the Regional Hospital Board and are available at the various centres given below, the Medical Officer attending on the dates and at the hours given.

SHREWSBURY:

1, Belmont, Shrewsbury.

THURSDAYS and FRIDAYS: Men—6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

MONDAYS: Women—3.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS: Women—2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

HOSPITALS IN THE DISTRICT

Oswestry and District Hospital.

Ellesmere Cottage Hospital.

Whitchurch Cottage Hospital.

Cases of Enteric Fevers, Meningitis, Acute Poliomyelitis or Acute Encephalitis are treated at Copthorne Hospital, while Monkmoor Hospital, Shrewsbury, admits other cases of Infectious Disease such as Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Measles, Whooping Cough, etc.

Other hospitals which provide accommodation for the district are:—

The County Council Hospital, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury.

The Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury.

Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, Shrewsbury.

The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Park Hall, Oswestry.

All these hospitals are administered by the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board which was constituted in accordance with the National Health Service Act.

AMBULANCE SERVICES

Under the National Health Service Act it became the duty of the County Council, the Local Health Authority under the Act, to make provisions for securing that ambulances and other means of transport are available for the conveyance of persons suffering from illness or mental defectiveness and expectant mothers or nursing mothers, from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

These are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury, Telephone Shrewsbury 4389. The Bacteriologist is Dr. A. C. Jones, and the Pathologist, Dr. G. Grant.

This service, originally instituted as an emergency basis, is now a permanent unit at the Royal Salop Infirmary undertaking work for Local Authorities free of charge in so far as it is relevant to diagnosis. This service is invaluable particularly in the expeditious dealing with the bacteriological examination of food samples.

ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

WATER SUPPLY

There has been no change in the bulk system supply of water by the Liverpool Corporation through their Trench Valve House station from which the Urban Council 8" main begins.

The whole of the Urban Area is served by the mains system, whilst in addition, a large area of the Rural Area is supplied through the Urban mains, also the Oteley Camp.

Tapping under pressure is still maintained. During the year a new machine was obtained to replace the old machine which had become unserviceable.

Main extensions during the year were to the New Junior School. The Duke of Westminster's housing scheme; Extension of the Oswestry Road and Beech Drive mains on the Urban Council housing schemes, and the 1¼" extension in Scotland Street to supply numbers 56 to 64 inclusive, previously supplied from an outside standpipe 80 yards away.

The system of supplying domestic consumers direct without meter and trade consumers through meters is still maintained.

The water supplied is consistently good in quality, quantity and pressure.

Number of houses supplied direct from mains	697
Number of houses put on mains during the year:	
New houses	31
Existing houses	5
Total	733

Table of Water Consumption.

Valve House Mains Meter	62,491,000
Urban Meter supplies (Included above)	13,621,000
Urban Domestic and Non-meter supplies	26,686,000
Rural Meter supplies	22,184,000

Drainage and Sewerage.

Apart from 19 houses and small holdings, the whole of the district is sewered, these properties being outside the range of the sewers, and are on septic tank treatments.

The main sewage works is located at the Wharf Meadows, with smaller works at the Newnes Brook meadows (two separate works) and the Mereside pumping station.

The new works for the 52 house scheme was completed and put into operation during the year, this being one of the Newnes Brook meadows works.

The Oteley Camp sewage is received and treated at the Wharf meadow works.

New houses put on sewers during the year were:—

Council houses on the new works	31
Others on Newnes Brook old works	4
Others on Wharf Meadow Works	2
Existing properties put on Wharf Meadow works	2

Public Lavatories.

These are as last year, Mereside; Market Hall and Brownlow Yard. The proposed new accommodation in Cross Street is still in abeyance.

Housing.

The Council's housing programme proceeded during the year. The number of Council houses completed during the year was 31, making a total of 126 completed since the war, with 15 in hand at the year end, bringing the total of Council houses up to a total on completion of 199.

The commencement of the 12 house estate for the Duke of Westminster estates, was of some assistance in the housing of Rural workers, but this scheme was in progress at the end of the year and not completed ready for occupation.

The number of houses inspected for minor repair	70
The number of houses repaired	64
The number of houses inspected for major repair	2
The number of houses repaired	0
The number of houses inspected for dirty conditions	3
The number dealt with for dirty conditions	3

In several cases people living under overcrowded conditions were rehoused in Council houses, wholly or in part to relieve the overcrowding.

Disinfections.

Methods used are still as in last year's report.

Number of disinfections during the year	4
Number of rooms and contents disinfected	5

Food and Food Preparing Places.

All meat supplies are delivered by road from Oswestry in covered and lined vans.

The following foodstuffs were condemned and destroyed as unfit for human food:—

Tinned fish 9 tins; Tinned meat 24 tins; Tinned jams, 1; Tinned fruit 11 tins; Tinned Vegetables 26 tins; Tinned milk 4 tins; Tinned ham 82 lbs.; Bacon 13 lbs; Bottled sauces 3 bottles; Synthetic cream 23 jars; Sponge cake flour mixture (parasites) 41 packets.

Bakehouses.

Number in the district	8
Number in use	2
Number of inspections	16

General conditions were found to be satisfactory.

Fried Fish Shops.

Number of shops in the district	2
Number of visits	4

The chief cause for complaint with these places is the littering of streets with disused papers and bags in the vicinity of the shops. The interior of the shops has been found to be clean, but the buildings are old and fall far short of being in all respects suitable for the handling of wet fish, and its preparation for cooking.

Cafes, Restaurants and Hotels.

Hotels (Catering)	4
Cafes and Restaurants other than hotels	8
Guest houses	2
Visits	46

All the hotels have been under repair, and improvement has been good, in the layout and sanitary accommodation particularly.

All are well conducted and kept clean, hot and cold water being available in all cases.

Milk.

Samples taken for keeping quality	1
Samples taken for bacteriological examination	1

Both samples were found to be satisfactory.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

District refuse collection is by contract. The Contractor provides his own staff and vehicles, and the work is carried out very efficiently.

Disposal is by open tipping. The surface of the tips is covered with surplus earth, building rubble, and road clearings, also exposed faces of the tip, as and when material is available, the older tip being now entirely covered over on top and all sides.

Nuisance Complaints.

Complains received	8
Complaints remedied	7

These complaints were 2 in respect of pig keeping; 4 in respect of tinker encampments and 2 in respect of damp conditions, one being in hand, and one outstanding.

Smoke Observations.

Number of observations	2
Number of complaints	1
Number of complaints remedied	1

There are three hand fired upright boilers in the district, the remaining boilers being mechanically stoked. The complaints are always associated with the hand fired boilers.

Insect and Vermin Control.

There has been no known bug infestations during the year, and no re-infestations have been reported. The refuse tips are sprayed during the summer months to control fly breeding with D.D.T. preparations.

Mortuary.

The mortuary was used on eight occasions during the year as follows:—Urban area 3 times; Ellesmere Rural area 3 times; Other areas 2 occasions, making the total of 8.

During the year the mortuary was entirely cleaned down, and repainted inside and outside.

Disinfection and washing of covering sheets, and washing down and disinfection of slabs and floors, and spraying of walls is carried out after use on each occasion.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act.

Number of visits to private houses and properties	53
Number of treatments to private houses	12
Number of visits to business premises	255
Number of treatments to business premises	30
Number of visits to farms	4
Number of treatments to farms	1
Refuse Tips, visits and treatments	174
Sewage Works and Sewers, visits and treatments	174
Total number of visits	660
Total number of treatments	391

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948

URBAN DISTRICT OF ELLESMERE.

Prescribed particulars of the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1.—**INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	9	19	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	—	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises) .	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	9	19	—	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH **DEFECTS** WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three, or more "cases.")

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred To H.M. Inspector.	Referred By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) insufficient ...	2	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	4	—	—	—	—

OSWESTRY MUNICIPAL BOROUGH

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

I am indebted to the Water Engineer for the following notes on water supply, etc.

Rainfall at Mount Road Reservoirs for the year ending 31/12/52, 34.87 ins. Consumption for the year, 159,863,000 galls.

(1) Number of dwelling houses supplied from public water:—

(2) Number of population supplied from public mains:—

(a) direct to houses	(1)	3,188
	(2)	10,913
(b) by means of stand pipes	(1)	38
	(2)	135

Nature of supplies to remaining houses: Wells.

There are isolated dwellings on the outskirts of the town some considerable distance from the mains, without a piped water supply.

The water has been satisfactory both in quality and quantity.

The Corporation gathering grounds and impounding reservoir at Penygwely, together with the storage reservoirs at Mount Road do not normally provide a sufficient supply for the requirements of the town, but it is possible to augment this by drawing 250,000 gallons per day from the Liverpool Corporation Lake Vyrnwy Aqueduct, this latter supply being obtained under powers granted by an Act of Parliament. The treatment given consists of an average period of seven days storage followed by rapid filtration, with the prior addition of lime and coagulant, lime and Calgon after filtration, and chlorination by the Chloramine system.

The water supply to all parts of the town is constant and more than 99 per cent. of all dwelling houses have direct supplies or stand pipes within easy reach.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Number of houses connected to public sewers	3,100
Number of houses having their own private sewage disposal works	31
Number of satisfactory private sewage disposal works	21
Number of unsatisfactory private sewage disposal works	9

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Number of wards in the town	6
Number of wards where refuse is collected	6

Method of collection: By direct labour.

Method of disposal: Controlled tipping.

REPORTS OF ANALYSES

Ref. G/WA/77 (Raw Water).

CHEMICAL RESULTS IN PARTS PER MILLION

Appearance: Slight opalescence with a slight flocculent deposit of mineral and organic debris together with a few diatoms and number of protozoa.
Turbidity: 4.
Colour: Filtered: 25. Odour: Nil.
pH: 7.1. Free Carbon Dioxide: Trace.
Electric Conductivity: 70. Total Solids: 50.
Chlorine present as Chloride: 10. Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate: 7.
Hardness: Total: 20. Carbonate: 7. Non-carbonate: 13.
Nitrate Nitrogen: 0.6. Nitrite Nitrogen: Absent.
Ammoniacal Nitrogen: 0.000. Oxygen Absorbed: 1.9.
Albuminoid Nitrogen: 0.033. Residual Chlorine: .....
Metals: Iron: 0.11. Other metals absent.

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS

	1 day at 37°C.	2 days at 37°C.	3 days at 20°C.
Number of Colonies developing on Agar	0 per ml.	1 per ml.	70 per ml.
Presumptive Coliaerogenees Reaction	Present in 10 50 ml.	Absent from 1 20 ml.	Probable number. 25 5 per 100 ml.
Bact. coli. (Type 1)	100 ml.	50 ml.	1 per 100 ml.
Cl. welchii Reaction	100 ml.	10 ml.	

*False presumptive reaction.
†Intermediate type I.

This sample shows slight opalescence and deposit, the turbidity being noticeable but not marked. The water is neutral in reaction, very soft in character, has a low content of mineral constituents in solution and it is free from metals apart from a minute trace of iron. It shows noticeable but not pronounced colour and it is of satisfactory organic quality for this raw supply. Bacterial impurity is confined to the presence of organisms of the Coli-aerogenes group in small number and to the Clostridium Welchii reaction in 100 ml. No exceptional difficulty would be anticipated in the treatment of this water for the production of a public supply.

15th January, 1952.

Ref. G/WA/78 (Tap Water)

CHEMICAL RESULTS IN PARTS PER MILLION

Appearance: Bright with a very slight yellow brown deposit of iron oxide.
Turbidity: Less than 3.
Colour: 12. Odour: Nil.
pH: 7.4. Free Carbon Dioxide: Trace.
Electric Conductivity: 85. Total Solids: 60.
Chlorine present as Chloride: 10. Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate: 9.
Hardness: Total: 28. Carbonate: 9. Non-carbonate: 19.
Nitrate Nitrogen: 0.6. Nitrite Nitrogen: Less than 0.01.
Ammoniacal Nitrogen: 0.012. Oxygen Absorbed: 0.50.
Albuminoid Nitrogen: 0.023. Residual Chlorine: Absent.
Metals: Iron: 0.14. Other metals absent.

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS

	1 day at 37°C.	2 days at 37°C.	3 days at 20°C.
Number of Colonies developing on Agar	0 per ml.	0 per ml.	0 per ml.
	Present in	Absent from	Probable number.
Presumptive Coliaroogenes Reaction	— ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Bact. coli. (Type 1)	— ml.	100 ml.	0 per 100 ml.
Cl. welchii Reaction	100 ml.	10 ml.	

/ False presumptive reaction.
// Intermediate type I.

This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance and free from metals apart from a minute trace of iron. The water is just on the alkaline side of neutrality, soft in character and has a comparatively low content of mineral constituents in solution. It shows only a trace of colour, is of very satisfactory organic quality and of a high standard of bacterial purity.

These results are consistent with a pure and wholesome water suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

15th January, 1952.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT
HOUSING

The Council now owns 597 houses, including 50 aluminium bungalows. The number of applicants at the end of the year was 459, of which 269 applicants were living in rooms. 222 cases were considered urgent.

Number of Council houses completed during year	50
Number of Private houses completed during year	5
Number of Council houses under construction at end of year	96
Number of Private houses under construction at end of year	4
Total number of houses under Council control	
Pre war houses	321
Aluminium houses	50
Post war houses	226
Total	597

Dwelling houses controlled by Council as agents for the Ministry	
Mile House Camp (outside Borough)	41
Requisitioned Houses	7
Total	48

Condemned Houses.

Of the 25 condemned houses still standing, 18 are occupied, largely by "squatters" it is true, but nevertheless families are being raised under conditions that were considered unsatisfactory prior to the war. These families are being rehoused as speedily as conditions permit, and re-occupation is prevented. It is hoped that some, if not all, of these properties will be demolished during the near future.

FOOD PREPARING PLACES INCLUDING RESTAURANTS AND HOTEL KITCHENS

Number of bakehouses	10
Number of cafes and restaurants	26
Number of fish and chip shops (not consumed on premises)	6
Number of hotels, licensed and private	8
Number of milk bars	2
Butchers' manufacturing premises	16
Number of ice cream producers	3
Number of food preparing places open only on Wednesdays	2

CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN

Enforcement of the Clean Food Byelaws and the Food and Drugs Acts continued throughout the year, and the improvement in food handling conditions was maintained.

It is pleasing to report that all 3 open fish shops now have refrigerated display counters, and the other fish shop displays the fish behind a window.

ICE CREAM

No. of premises registered for manufacture.	1
No. of premises registered for sale	34

Sampling.		Grades 1.	2	3	4	Void.
Heat treated	16	5	4	4	Nil	3
Cold-mix	1	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Totals	17	6	4	4	Nil	3
Percentages		42.8%	28.6%	28.6%	—	

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Meat.

The two private slaughterhouses situated in Willow Street and taken over by the Ministry of Food in January, 1940, still function for the Borough and the Rural District for the purpose of slaughtering and as distribution centres, and in addition, for imported meat, tinned meats and imported offal. Both slaughterhouses are in a very congested area and nuisances inevitably arise, especially during the summer months. For the amount of slaughtering carried out at certain periods, and this was particularly during the year, the slaughterhouses were inadequate in amenities, capacity and equipment. Meat inspection is carried out jointly by the Borough and Rural District Meat Inspectors.

Regular ante-mortem inspection is not carried out. The carcases and offal of all animals are inspected either during the process of slaughtering or immediately afterwards.

Plans for an abattoir were submitted to the Ministry of Food, but no action seems likely until slaughterhouse control and siting policy has been decided.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933.

Special attention was paid to the observance of the above mentioned Act, which ensures that all animals slaughtered in the Borough for human consumption shall be humanely stunned before slaughter.

There were no accidents reported, and no complaints received.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)	1230	629	1618	7938	1745
Number inspected	1230	629	1618	7938	1745
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS.					
Whole carcases condemned	8	6	104	126	31
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	372	217	12	224	99
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	30.9%	35.5%	7.1%	4.4%	7.4%
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY.					
Whole carcases condemned	5	10	1	—	5
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	140	210	—	—	151
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	11.8%	34.9%	.06%	—	8.9%

Food Condemned—Other than at Slaughterhouse.

598 lbs. Tinned Boneless Cooked Ham (55 Hams).
451 Tins. Fruit.
291 Tins Vegetables.
182 Tins Prepared Meat Products.
57 Tins Fish and Fish Products.
94 Tins Milk.
44 Tins Soup and miscellaneous.
5 st. Fish.
64 lbs. Home Killed Meat.
191 lbs. Prepared Meat Products.
57 pkts. Cereal Products.
10 pkts. Processed Cheese.
125 lbs. Imported Pears.
30 lbs. Sweets.

FOOD POISONING.

Five cases of food poisoning were notified in the Borough during the year.

MILK.

Number of Distributors Registered	7
Number of Dairies Registered	4
Number of T.T. (Distributor) Licences issued	5
Number of Pasteurising Plants in the Borough	2

Sampling.

1. Bacteriological
   T.T. 23 taken, 20 passed, 2 failed, 1 void.
2. Biological (M Tuberculosis).
   14 taken, 14 negative.
3. Chemical (Informal, tested in Department).
   36 taken.

Almost all household milk sold in the Borough is bottled and a high percentage is heat treated or tuberculin tested.

DAIRY INSPECTION REPORT, 1952.

During 1952 the herds supplying milk for consumption in Oswestry and District were inspected in May and June and November and December.

About 90 per cent. of the cattle producing milk for this purpose are now attested, and with attestation the standard of cleanliness in the cowshed and dairy has been raised considerably. The other 10 per cent. are still in the process of eradicating tuberculosis from their herds, and herd owners are now very much more particular in buying their animals from attested herds, resulting in a better class of animal. Herd owners are now much more conscious of methods of clean milk production and storage of milk producing utensils, and the standard of cleanliness in the herds is quite high.

At the inspections, about 20 samples, each half year, were taken from animals showing any abnormality of the udder and all these milks were examined microscopically for the diagnosis of the cause of the trouble. In no sample was tubercle bacilli found. Most of the samples were found to be affected with Streptococcal Mastitis. The offending animals were isolated from the milking herd and were not allowed to re-enter until treatment had been effected.

In one herd inside the borough boundary, the milk from which goes for manufacturing purposes, one animal was found to be suffering from clinical tuberculosis, but no tuberculosis was found in the udder. This animal was slaughtered as also was one animal affected likewise from a herd in the Rural District, which supplied the town.

GEORGE WYSE, M.R.C.V.S.

COMMON LODGING HOUSE

There is one registered Common lodging house in the town.

Number of Inspections 50

This house situated in Orchard Street, has accommodation for 26 persons. The standard as compared with Municipally controlled common lodging houses, is low. There is no provision for baths and the washing facilities are grossly inadequate. Apart from the sleeping arrangements the other amenities are definitely cramped and inadequate. There were complaints of a minor character during the year, and when these were brought to the notice of the Keeper they were attended to promptly.

NUISANCES.

Number of complaints received during the year 218

Visits of inspection were made in all cases and were attended to by verbal or written notices. The majority of compaints referred to defective drains, housing defects and smells from various causes.

Number of informal notices served 102
Number abated by informal notice 102
Number of Statutory Notices served 12
Number of Statutory Notices complied with 12

A nuisance which appears to be on the increase arises from the keeping of dogs. If a check were to be made of all dogs in Oswestry the figure would be staggering. While people have been encouraged to keep chickens to help the food situation there is now a tendency for this to get out of hand. While this Department is not unsympathetic to such persons it is felt that there is a limit to the conditions under which poultry can be kept in urban surroundings.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Since April 1st, 1950, operators have been proceeding jointly in the Borough and Rural District. Two operators appointed by the Joint Committee acting on behalf of the respective Councils carry out the work in the Borough. Some survey work was done. All complaints were dealt with including surrounding areas. On the whole we have received excellent co-operation from those we have had to deal with. It has not been found necessary to serve a compulsory order in any case.

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

Bug Infestation.

Infested houses dealt with:
Privately owned 5
Council Houses ..... Nil

Other Vermin.

Infested houses dealt with:
Privately owned ..... Nil
Council Houses 7

The work of disinfestation is carried out by the local sanitary authority under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector.

VERMINOUS PERSONS.

One verminous person had to be cleaned up before being sent to hospital.

DISINFECTION.

During the year the number of disinfections after infectious disease was 22. Books and clothes from schools were disinfected also library books.

PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT.

The two Cinemas in the Town are visited at frequent intervals, during times of entertainment and otherwise. Other places of entertainment are also visited from time to time. On the whole, they were found to be conducted in an orderly and satisfactory manner. Strict attention is paid to ventilation, sanitary accommodation and other matters which add considerably to the comfort and enjoyment of the patrons. No complaints were received during the year.

The March and May Pleasure Fairs held annually on the Recreation Ground are subject to inspection with regard to the provision of Sanitary Conveniences and Water supply. Inquiries are made with regard to the health of the Van Dwellers, especially with reference to the control of Infectious Disease. The reports for the year were satisfactory.

SHOPS ACT, 1950.

Twenty-eight shops were inspected and special attention given to the provision of suitable and adequate sanitary conveniences, ventilation, temperature, lighting, washing and facilities for taking meals.

Food shops particularly, had special attention and the provision of suitable washing facilities including hot and cold water, towel and soap, and improvements in the standard of sanitary conveniences were pressed forward.

Number of shops with unsatisfactory sanitary conveniences	5
Number remedied	5
Number without satisfactory washing facilities	7
Number remedied	7

BOROUGH OF OSWESTRY.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1.—**INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of Inspections.	Number of Written	Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	44	20	2	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	71	60	10	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	115	80	12	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH **DEFECTS** WERE FOUND.

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three, or more "cases.")

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
			Referred		
	Found.	Remedied.	To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	18	18	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ...	4	3	—	2	—
(b) Unsuitable of defective	5	5	—	3	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	28	26	—	5	—

WEM URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

WATER SUPPLY

Water for domestic and trade purposes is supplied by the Council's waterworks at Preston Brockhurst. There is a proposal to augment the supply by the construction of a borehole. No new work was carried out during the year. The supply is good in quality, quantity and pressure. Samples taken show no evidence of pollution and were reported as being "highly satisfactory." The water is not chlorinated.

The area of supply covers almost the whole area of the Urban District, only 4 houses remain with supplies from private wells. In addition, parts of the Wem Rural District are also supplied from the Urban Council's mains.

Consumption during the year was 35,557,000 gallons, an increase on 1951 of 952,000 gallons.

The number of dwellings supplied direct from water mains are	766
(a) direct to houses	735
(b) by means of standpipes	31
The number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	2381
(a) direct to houses	2273
(b) by means of standpipes	108

Drainage and Sewerage.

Number of houses connected to public sewers	734
Number of houses having their own private arrangements of sewage disposal	36
Number of privies or earth closets converted to water closets	2
Number of houses without a water closet	66

Schemes are in hand for relaying the New Street and Central Outfall and Western Outfall sewers and for improvements and extensions to the Sewage Disposal Works.

The Council operate a weekly service for the removal of night-soil from houses provided with earth closets.

Public Conveniences.

There are four Public Conveniences in the district which are located in the Market Hall Yard and Recreation Ground. Washing facilities are provided in the female conveniences at Market Hall Yard.

The Council have approved a scheme for the erection of further conveniences in the Market Hall Yard, and consideration is being given to new conveniences in the Recreation Ground.

Housing.

Number of inspections made of houses during the year	16
Number where repairs have been carried out	5
Number closed	Nil.
Number of houses known to be overcrowded	Nil.

Repairs of houses were negotiated informally.

Council Houses.

The total number of houses owned by the Council is 175. This number compares favourably with other authorities with similar population to the Urban District.

Details of the Council's housing programme during the year are:—

Number of houses completed during the year 10
Number of houses in process of erection at end of year 6

It is proposed to commence work on the erection of 8 flats and 24 houses in New Street in 1953.

A scheme has been approved for repairs to the houses owned by the Council in Leek Street.

Private Enterprise Houses.

Number completed during the year 1
Number in process of erection at end of year 2

Moveable Dwellings.

Six licences have been issued to persons to station and use moveable dwellings. Routine inspection is carried out of these dwellings and conditions found have been satisfactory.

Food Preparing Places.

Routine inspections are made of food shops and food preparing premises and advice has been given where required on the hygiene of storage and handling of foodstuffs. Constant reminders are given to food handlers of the need for frequent washing of the hands, and the immediate necessity for doing so after using the sanitary conveniences.

Where repairs have been requested at premises, owners have been co-operative and it was not found necessary to take statutory action.

Food Shops and Premises, other than those detailed specifically.

Number of inspections 42
Number where defects found 4
Number where defects remedied 3

Bakehouses.

Number of premises 8
Number of inspections 8
Number where defects found 4
Number where defects remedied 3

One bakehouse is temporarily not in use.

Fried Fish Shops and Restaurants.

Number of premises 1
Number of inspections 2

During both inspections conditions were satisfactory.

Cafes ,Restaurants and Hotel Kitchens.

Number of premises 5
Number of inspections 7
Number where defects found 1
Number where defects remedied ..... Nil.

Ice Cream Premises.

Number of ice-cream manufacturers	2
(a) Heat treated	Nil.
(b) Cold mix	2
Number of ice-cream retailers (including Manufacturers)	10

Routine inspections are made of ice-cream premises and conditions found have been satisfactory. The majority of ice-cream sold is pre-wrapped by the manufacturers.

Butchers.

Number of premises	8
Number of inspections	16
Number where defects found	Nil

Meat for the district is supplied by the Ministry of Food Depot at Whitchurch. It is delivered in a metal lined container. Inspections are made of the van and conditions found have been satisfactory.

There is no slaughterhouse in the district.

Hotels, Beer Houses and Cellars.

A survey is being carried out of licensed premises in the district.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

Number of distributors (as defined in the regulations)	2
Number of retailers of Tuberculin Tested milk	3
Number of retailers of Pasteurised milk	2

Food Condemned During the Year.

Canned Foods:—

Beans	3 tins	totalling	2½	lbs.
Peas	9 tins	totalling	10	lbs
Tomatoes	13 tins	totalling	14	lbs.
Other Vegetables	8 tins	totalling	8	lbs.
Fruit	88 tins	totalling	106½	lbs.
Fruit Juice	2 tins	totalling	2	lbs.
Jam	5 tins	totalling	8	lbs.
Soups	2 tins	totalling	2	lbs.
Fish	1 tin	totalling	½	lbs.
Ham	4 tins	totalling	50	lbs.
Other Meats	13 tins	totalling	9	lbs.
Milk	5 tins	totalling	9½	lbs.

Other Foods:—

Pork	weighing	2	lbs.
Beef	weighing	8	lbs.
Fresh Ham	weighing	8	lbs.
Butter	weighing	39	lbs.
Prunes	weighing	120	lbs.

Jars of peaches, lemon cheese and jam weighing 3 lbs.

Bottle of vinegar weighing 1 lb

Shops Act, 1950.

A survey has not been carried out of the condition of sanitary accommodation, ventilation and temperature at shops in the district. There is no known unsatisfactory case.

Infectious Disease.

Four visits have been made in connection with enquiries and the disinfection of premises where cases of infectious disease have occurred in the district.

Lodging Houses.

There are no premises of this nature in the district.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Collection and disposal of refuse in the district is carried out by direct labour. Disposal is by controlled tipping.

The tip is under constant supervision for the purpose of rodent control and is periodically sprayed as a precaution against flies.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Acts, 1949.

Inspections of premises under this Act were carried out from time to time; the following is a summary for 1952:—

Number of properties inspected	90
(a) Local authority premises	5
(b) Dwelling houses	16
(c) Agricultural premises	1
(d) Other premises (including business and industrial)	68
Number of properties found to be infested by rats (excluding Council properties)	Nil.
Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act	Nil
Number of properties cleared of rats (excluding Council properties	Nil.

Rodent control at the Refuse Tip and Sewage Disposal Works is carried out by the Council's workmen. A contract has been entered into with the Agricultural Committee for the treatment of the Allotments.

Nuisances.

A statutory notice under the Public Health Act, 1936, was served by the abatement of a nuisance caused by premises outside the Urban District. The nuisance was abated by work ceasing at the premises.

Verminous premises and Articles.

No premises were found to be verminous.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948

URBAN DISTRICT OF WEM.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1.—**INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of Inspections.	Written notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	21	29	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	15	6	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	2	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	38	35	—	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH **DEFECTS** WERE FOUND.
(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases.")

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
			Referred		
	Found.	Remedied.	To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	5	4	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	—	..	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient ...	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	2	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	7	5	—	—	—

WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S VISITS DURING 1952.

NATURE OF INSPECTION:

General Sanitation:

Water Supply	11
Drainage	28
Fried Fish Shops	2
Common Lodging House	5
Tents, Vans and Sheds	2
Factories	82
Bakehouses	53
Public Conveniences	98
Rats and Mice	41
Smoke Observations	1

Under Public Health Acts:

Number of houses inspected	41
Number of visits	130

Under Housing Acts:

Number of houses inspected	217
Number of visits	38

Council Houses:

Number of visits	219

Verminous Premises:

Number of houses disinfested	Nil

Meat and Food Inspection—Inspection of Meat:

Visits to Slaughterhouse	414

Visits to:

Butchers' Shops and Stalls	10
Fishmongers and Poulterers	79
Grocers	36
Ice Cream Premises	30
Restaurants	113
Shops and Stalls	2

Infectious Diseases:

Number of visits	11

WATER SUPPLY.

Rainfall:

The rainfall as recorded at Fenns Bank for the year 1952 was 26.24 inches as compared with 33.59 inches for the year 1951.

October and December were the wettest months, having a rainfall of 4.68 and 2.97 inches respectively.The driest month was February with a rainfall of 0.56 inches.

Water Consumption:

The total water consumption for the year amounted to 89,268,000 gallons, a daily average of 244,569 gallons. This shows an increase of 13,687 gallons per day over 1951. This increase is probably due to the number of new houses connected to the supply during the year and to the annual Rainfall being rather less than average.

During the months of January and February, the daily consumption was highest with 252,422 and 266,681 gallons respectively.

Supply from Public Mains and Other Sources:

Number of dwellings with indoor supply direct from main	1,877
Number of population, approx.	6,250
Number of houses supplied by means of standpipes	122
Approximate population	450
Number of dwellings in district without an indoor supply	188

Existing Water Supply:

There has been no extensive change in the sources of water during the year.

The Brickyard supply continues to yield a water with a high iron content, making it necessary to scrape the suction and delivery pipes at frequent intervals to remove incrustation.

A new chlorinator has been installed at the Waterworks as the old one was unreliable.

Proposed New Water Supply:

A Contract has been let for the drilling of the boreholes at Overton Scar, which commenced on September 29th, 1952. The 6in. borehole for a temporary supply of water has reached a depth of 250 feet in which the water is so near the surface that it can be utilised with a surface suction pump. The 36in. and 33in. tubes have reached a depth of 85 feet.

Houses without Mains Supply:

No cases of polluted wells have been reported. It has again been necessary to refuse all applications for connection to the water mains (other than for domestic purposes) owing to the heavy demand upon the supply during peak periods.

WATER SUPPLIES (BACTERIOLOGICAL):

Date.	Source.	Place of Sampling.	Treatment.	B.Coli per 100 ml.	Faecal B.Coli %of total.
11/2/52	Mains Supply	Rosemary Lane	Chlorinated.	0	0
17/3/52	do.	do.	do.	0	0
21/4/52	do.	do.	do.	0	0
26/5/52	do.	do.	do.	0	0
23/6/52	do.	do.	do.	0	0
8/7/52	do.	Plumber's Shop	do.	0	0
9/9/52	do.	do.	do.	0	0
22/9/52	do.	do.	do.	0	0
19/11/52	do.	Council Offices	do.	0	0
10/12/52	do.	Plumber's Shop	do.	0	0

WATER SAMPLES (CHEMICAL):

A sample from the town mains taken on the 11th February, 1952, was reported on by the Analyst as follows:—

	In parts per million of water
Total Solid Matter in solution	680.0
Nitrogen in Nitrates	1.0
Nitrates	——
Chlorine in Chlorides	123.0
Oxygen absorbed from permanganate in 4 hours at 80°F	0,87
Free and Saline Ammonia	0.02
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.06
Lead, Copper, Zinc	Nil
Microscopic Examination of the Sediment	Trace
Temporary Hardness	275.0
Permanent Hardness	70.0
pH Value	7.5
Residual Free Chlorine	Nil
Aluminium Salts	Nil

The above Chemical Analysis is satisfactory, but the water is a very hard one and is likely to cause scale deposits of lime in hot water pipes and boilers.

Swimming Baths:

The swimming bath was opened to the public on May 5th, but it was necessary to close it, and the slipper baths, in June owing to a defective boiler. The replacement of the boiler was completed by October 11th, when the slipper baths were re-opened to the public, although it was too late in the season to re-open the swimming bath.

The installation of the new purification plant by Messrs. Filtrators Ltd., was completed during the year and is ready for operation at the beginning of the 1953 season.

A sample of water was examined bacteriologically. The result showed that there were no B.Coli. per 100 ml.

The following were the attendances at the Baths during the year:—

Total Attendances from Schools	2,093
Youth Club	180
Slipper Baths	930
Other Attendances	3,327
Total	6,530

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Number of houses (excluding new houses) connected to public sewer during the year ..... Nil

Number of new dwellings connected during the year 45

Number of houses having private arrangements for sewage) disposal .....)

Number of satisfactory private sewage disposal plants .....)

Number of unsatisfactory private sewage disposal plants .....) Not known.

Number of houses without a proper flush closet, i.e. pail closets,, slop water closets or trough closets 124

The existing waste water closets at Nos. 1-9, Claypit Street Terrace were converted to water closets with individual flushing cisterns under the Public Health Act, 1936, Section 47 at the joint expense of the owners and the Council.

Conditions at the Sewage Disposal Site at Rising Sun, Whitchurch, remain unsatisfactory.

Approval in principle of the new Sewage Works and outfall sewer has been given. The Council's Consulting Engineer is preparing the detailed drawings and these are expected to be completed early in 1953.

HOUSING.

Sanitary Inspector's Notices Served, 1952:

Informal Notices:	**Notices Served.**	**Complied With.**
Under Public Health Act, 1936:		
Section 45 (relating to defective closets)	2	2
Section 39 (relating to insufficient sanitary appliances)	6	5
Section 56 (relating to inadequate paving of yards)	1	1
Section 58 (relating to dangerous structures)	1	2
Section 75 (relating to defective dustbins)	7	5
Section 93 (relating to nuisances)	11	14
Under Housing Act, 1936:		
Section 9 (relating to unfit houses capable of being rendered fit at reasonable expense)	—	—
Formal Notices:		
Under Public Health Act, 1936:		
Section 45 (relating to defective closets)	2	1
Section 75 (relating to defective dustbins)	1	—
Delivered in default	1	—
Section 47 (relating to replacement of tipper closets, etc., by W.C.s at joint expense of owners and local authority	—	9
Under Housing Act, 1936:		
Section 9 (relating to unfit houses capable of being rendered fit at reasonable expense)	1	—

OVERCROWDING

Number of houses known to be overcrowded at beginning of year 14
Number of houses known to be overcrowded at end of year 9

Number of Houses relieved of Overcrowding during the Year:

Private Houses 6
Council Houses 2

Number of Persons Concerned:

Private Houses 42
Council Houses 17

NEW COUNCIL HOUSES.

Number of permanent houses completed during the year 38
Number in process of erection at end of year 56

Number expected to be completed during 1953:

Permanent 56
Temporary ..... Nil

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE HOUSING.

Houses completed during the year 3
Number in course of erection at end of year 2

LICENCES FOR NEW HOUSING.

Number of licences issued for the erection of houses by private enterprise 4

RODENT CONTROL.

The eradication of rats and mice has been proceeded with during the year, a trained man being employed part-time on this work. Council owned properties are inspected regularly and treatments for the destruction of rats and mice are carried out when found to be necessary. Any business premises or privately owned dwelling houses found to be infested are treated similarly, the owner or occupier being charged with the cost of the work.

The following number of treatments have been carried out during the year:—

Dwelling Houses 19
Business Premises 48
Council Properties 18
Farms 2

SALVAGE.

The following weights of waste paper and cardboard and scrap metals were salvaged during the year:—

	Tons.	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Waste Paper and Cardboard	21	6	1	0
Mixed Scrap Iron	7	4	0	0
Scrap Copper	0	1	2	25
Scrap Brass	0	0	0	81

It was impossible to sell baled waste paper during the latter part of the year and the salvage of this material had to bediscontinued. There is still a stock of waste paper which has not been disposed of.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

There are eight Public Conveniences within the district, details are given below:—

Sedgeford ..... Urinals and Gent's W.C.
Smallbrook ..... Urinals.
Castle Hill ..... Urinals.
Jubilee Park ..... Ladies' W.C.s, Gent's Urinals and W.C.s
Smithfield (North End) ..... Urinals.
Smithfield (South End) ..... Urinals.
Parking Ground ..... Ladies' W.C.s and Washplace, Gent's W.C.s and Urinals.
St. Mary's Street ..... Ladies' W.C.s and Washplace; Gent's W.C.s, Washplace and Urinals.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Collection of house and trade refuse has been carried out in the Bedford Tipper Lorry as in previous years, a seven days frequency of collection having been maintained except on Bank Holidays. A second Bedford Tipper Lorry is brought into use on occasions to maintain the seven day collection at Bank Holidays and periods of exceptionally inclement weather.

Disposal of the refuse has been by controlled tipping in the Shropshire Union Canal, which has been dewatered.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

Five inspections have b een made of the one Common Lodging House in the district. Conditions are not ideal but the cleanliness of the premises has been found to be maintained.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed	970	1,096	2.404	6,007	1.949
Number inspected	970	1.096	2.404	6.007	1.949
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS:					
Totally Condemned	2	21	87	25	64
Part Condemned	344	575	23	459	361
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	35.67	54. 38	4.57	8.06	21.80
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY:					
Whole carcase condemned	10	27	6	—	41
Part condemned	119	251	—	—	182
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	13.29	25.40	.24	—	11.44

Approximately 36½ tons of meat and offal were condemned.

MEAT INSPECTION—RETAIL SHOPS

Ten inspections have been made of Butchers' Shops, and of shops and stalls selling meat products. A good standard of hygiene was found.

TRANSPORT OF MEAT

All meat delivered to the Butchers' Shop comes from the Allocation Centre in Liverpool Road. The vehicles used on this work are closed types fitted with meat-hanging apparatus and are quite satisfactory.

RESTAURANT AND HOTEL KITCHENS

Frequent inspections of Restaurants and Hotel Kitchens are made and a total of 116 visits were made during the year.

The standard of cleanliness maintained was good and washing-up facilities adequate.

ICE-CREAM

There are two manufacturers of ice-cream in the district; one of these produces a "heat-treated" ice-cream and the other a "cold-mix" product.

Twenty-two premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Thirty inspections of these premises have been made and conditions in all cases were found satisfactory.

Samples of ice-cream were taken from the two manufacturers. Bacteriological examination of one sample proved it to be Grade I, the other was delayed during transit to the Public Health Laboratory and consequently could not be graded.

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS

There has been no outbreak of food poisoning in the district during the year.

FOOD BYELAWS UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

Informal action was taken in one case of contravention of the Byelaws concerning the contamination of food; no further action was necessary.

MARKETS

The weekly produce market held on Friday is partly under cover and partly in the open air. Protection of the food from dirt, dust, animals etc., is satisfactory, but in some instances there is not adequate protection against possible contamination by customers. This is being overcome gradually by the use of protective covers or altering the way in which the food is displayed for sale.

All stall holders have been asked to display their names and addresses in conspicious positions.

The unsatisfactory position regarding sanitary accommodation has been overcome by the provision of a lavatory basin with hot and cold water and a W.C. for the exclusive use of all stall holders handling food. A double sink with a continuous supply of hot and cold water has been installed at the catering stall.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There is only one slaughterhouse in use in the district, situated in Liverpool Road and operated by the Ministry of Food.

The Ministry are considering making minor alterations which will increase the hanging space and it is hoped that a silt gully or catchpit will be installed to overcome the trouble experienced during the past year with the drainage system.

SMITHFIELD

The cattle market used on Mondays and Fridays, is owned by the Council and used by two firms of Auctioneers on alternate days.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

The Council are the authority for the enforcement of those provisions of the Act relating to ventilation, temperature and sanitary accommodation. No cases are known where arrangements in these respects are unsatisfactory and no complaints have been received.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

No new licences have been issued for the use of land for moveable dwellings.

Seven persons hold licences to station and use moveable dwellings on specified sites within the district. These licences are issued for periods of twelve months.

PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT

Ten visits have been made to the two buildings which may be classed as places of public entertainment, the Council-owned Assembly Hall and Corn Exchange and the Palladium Cinema.

MILK AND DAIRIES

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949:

Number of Milk Distributors	4
Number of Dairies (other than Dairy Farms)	4

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949:

" Tuberculin Tested " Milk—Dealers' Licences:

Number of Principal Licences	5
Number of Supplementary Licences	Nil.

"Acredited " Milk—Dealers' Licences:

Number of Principal Licences	1
Number of Supplementary Licences	Nil.

Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949:

" Pasteurised " Milk—Dealers 'Licences:

Number of Principal Licences	2
Number of Supplementary Licences	Nil.

" Sterilised " Milk—Dealers' Licences:

Number of Principal Licences	Nil
Number of Supplementary Licences	Nil.

MILK SAMPLING

Ten samples of milk were submitted for biological examination. Nine of the samples on innoculation into guinea pigs did not produce tuberculosis and in the tenth case the guinea pig died before the test could be completed but no evidence of tuberculosis could be found.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

Nature of Premises.	Number of Premises.	Number of Structural Defects.	Number of unhygienic or dirty conditions.
Bakehouse	1	—	2
Bakehouse	1	2	5
Confectioner	1	2	1
Bakehouse	1	—	5
PUBLIC HEALTH ACT:			
Dwellinghouse	1	2	—
do.	1	2	—
do.	1	1	—
do.	1	—	1
do.	1	1	—
do.	1	3	—
do.	1	1	—
do.	1	2	—
do.	1	2	—
do.	1	1	—
do.	1	1	—
do.	1	1	—
do.	1	1	—
do.	2	1	—
do.	1	1	—
do.	1	1	—
Flat	1	1	—
Dwellinghouse	3	1	—

Seven dwelling houses were found to be without dustbins—these have not been included in the above list.

HOUSING ACT, 1936:			
Dwellinghouse	1	5	—
do.	1	1	—
do.	1	1	—

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948.

URBAN DISTRICT OF WHITCHURCH.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1.—**INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	19	8	3	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	55	74	2	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	1	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	75	82	5	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH **DEFECTS** WERE FOUND.

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases.")

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	2	—	—	2	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ...	1	1	—	2	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	3	2	—	4	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	—	—	1	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	7	3	—	9	—

ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA.

Rainfall: Recorded at Tetchill—29.63 inches.

Water Supply.

1. Number of dwelling houses supplied from public water mains:—
   (a) Direct to houses: Ellesmere Rural Parish (Durleston Heath, Trench, Coptivinney, Lee—349.
   (b) By means of standpipes: Ellesmere Rural 60; Myddle (Sleap) 19.
2. Number of population supplied from public water mains:—
   (a) Direct to house, 1,207.
   (b) Standpipes, 240.

All these areas, except Sleap, are supplied from the Liverpool Corporation main.

Consumption from Vyrnwy Acqueduct was 37,202,000 gallons.

Sleap R.A.F. Station has a supply from borehole with storage facilities for 50,000 gallons, administered by the Council by temporary agreement with the Air Ministry.

Details of a new comprehensive water scheme are expected from the Council's Consulting Engineer during 1953. The scheme under consideration will entirely be one for the Ellesmere Rural Area and probably explore the resources of the area.

The private supply of the Bradford Estate extends by main to Great Ness and Little Ness, supplying 111 houses (including farms).

Nature of supplies to remaining houses: Wells and Springs.

Boreholes were sunk in the cases of Council Houses where no main supply was available. Public pumps supply approximately 200 persons at Cockshutt and Harmer Hill, together with village pumps at Weston Lullingfields, Myddle and Tetchill.

The Walford Farm Institute premises and premises at Yeaton are supplied from the Atcham R.D.C. mains.

Samples of supplies to villages, Council Houses and Private supplies were taken.

Of the 8 Private Supplies, 1 sample was unsatisfactory and 7 were satisfactory.

Drainage and Sewage.

Number of Houses connected to Public Sewers: 19 Hutments at Myddle (Sleap).

Many inhabited houses have their own systems or combined drainage systems.Approximately 50 houses at Nesscliffe Depot are served by one disposal unit.

Number of Privies and Earth Closets converted to W.C.s: 14.

A survey was made of sewage effluents with the local representative of the Severn River's Board, following upon which steps are to be taken for the improvement of, and a more efficient supervision of private sewage works.

HOUSING ACT, 1936.

Cases of overcrowding come to the notice of the Council during the consideration of applications for the tenancies of Council Houses. One case was relieved during the year and rehoused in a Council House. The number of occupants in the family involved was not large. No cases of recurring overcrowding came to notice, and attempts are made to prevent occupation of houses by large families where the previous family had been given tenancy of a council house. In most cases overcrowding was due to two or more families being in the same house.

Number of houses inspected under the Housing Act	20
Number of houses found overcrowded:—	
1. Council Houses	Nil
2, Private Owned Houses	4
Number of persons therein:—	
1. Council Houses	Nil
2. Private Owned Houses	34
Number of cases of overcrowding relieved:—	
1. Council Houses	Nil
2. Private Owned Houses	1
Number of Houses repaired under licence	16
Number of Houses completed during the year:—	
Permanent	22
Temporary	Nil
Private	14
Number of houses in process of erection at the end of the year:—	
Council	46
Private	23
Number of Houses planned for 1953:—	
Permanent (Council)	60
Permanent (Private)	7

The Council are to distribute a Housing Programme for 1953 as follows:—

Expected to be occupied during the year:—	
Cockshutt	8
Petton	4
Pentreheylin	10
Tetchill	12
Total	34
New Schemes for 1953:—	
Baschurch	20
Harmer Hill	8
Myddle	8
Nesscliffe	12
Dudleston Heath	12
Total	60

FOOD PREPARING PLACES.

Number of bakehouses	7
Number of inspections	6
Number where defects were found	Nil
Number where defects were remedied	Nil
Number of Fried Fish Shops and Restaurants	1
Number of Cafes and Restaurants	11
Number inspected	11
Number where defects were found	Nil
Number of Ice Cream Manufacturers:—	
1. Heat Treated	1
2. Cold Mix	Nil
Number of Inspections	7
Number where defects were found	Nil
Number of Ice Cream Retailers	8
Number of Inspections	44
Number where defects were found	Nil

There are seven butchers shops, one milk retailer of T.T., one knackers yard, one emergency slaughterhouse, twenty shops retailing food, fourteen inns and catring establishments, one ice cream manufacturer, together with eight retailers, without mentioning the numerous vehicles that come into the area selling various items of food. There is no site in the area for selling food from stalls in the open-air.

Single sinks are generally in use, and sterilisation is by means of detergents and boling water, for cleansing and rinsing. In licenced premises the owners are usually willing to co-operate in providing sanitary conveniences and facilities for the cleasing of utensils, especially where catering facilities are also offered. Rinsing of glasses with hot water is the general method, especially where the thermostatically controlled supply of hot water has been installed.

SHOP ACTS, 1950.

Willing co-operation is given by owners towards the furtherance of hygienic standards.

REPORTS ON THE SAMPLES OF ICE-CREAM.

Conditions are generally good. Sampling of ice cream has been of assistance in maintaining satisfactory products. The Manufacturer and retailers have shown ready co-operation.

Of 23 samples taken, 15 were Grade 1; two in Grade 2; one in Grade 3, and five in Grade 4.

PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT.

There are approximately eight places of entertainment and improvement could be effected in the sanitary accommodation available in some instances.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

There are no public conveniences in the area. Improvements to sanitary conveniences to three hotels and inns have been carried out.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS, VANS, TENTS, ETC.

No licences were issued for land to be occupied by moveable dwellings, but several sites are to be assessed for rating. Single Caravans are mostly concerned No moveable dwellings were licenced during the year.

NUISANCES.

Number dealt with	40
Number remedied	35
Additional visits	100
Number of visits for all purposes during the year	1,200

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) ORDER.

(The A.E.C. have not supplied the information of the number of T.T. and Accredited Producers).

Number of T.T. Retailers	1
Number of T.T. Retailers (Supplementary)	2
Number of Licences to Pasteurise Milk	Nil
Number of Licences to Retail Pasteurised Milk	2

MEAT INSPECTIONS.

Forty-five visits were paid to one emergency slaughterhouse and other occassional visits were paid to premises in connection with the sale of meat for human consumption.

No instances of the presence of cysticercus bovis were found in carcases.

OTHER FOODS CONDEMNED.

26 16oz. tins of tomato soup	Blown
55 ½-lb. packets of butter	Tainted
1 lb. tin pork luncheon meat	Blown
1 12oz. tin pork luncheon meat	Blown
19lbs. bacon	Decomposed

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

One emergency slaughterhouse is situated in the council's area. A table is given below showing the number of carcases inspected. During the year under review a proportion of the meat was removed to Shrewsbury Abattoir for inspection under a special arrangement with the Ministry of Food which has operated for several years. The owner will shortly be carrying out works of improvement to the structure of the slaughterhouse and to the drainage system.

There are five other licenced slaughterhouses in the Area which are not at present used for the purpose.

THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Any infestation of rats that occurred on the Council's refuse tips and other properties were dealt with by the Council's own workmen. Owners of private properties were advised on methods to be used or to take up a contract with a professional firm or with the Agricultural Executive Committee where agricultural land was concerned.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)					
Number inspected	187	559	142	133	393
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS.					
Whole carcases condemned	9	206	11	15	31
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	4.8%	36.8%	7.7%	11.2%	7.8%
TUBERCULOSIS.					
Whole carcases condemned	5	98	Nil	Nil	15
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	2.6%	17.5%	—	—	3.8%

A proportion of the meat is inspected at Shrewsbury.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

RURAL DISTRICT OF ELLESMERE.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1.—**INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections.	Written notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	32	21	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	20	10	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by) the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	32	64	....	—
TOTAL ...	84	95	....	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH **DEFECTS** WERE FOUND.

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases.")

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred To H.M. Inspector.	Referred By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	1	1	—		—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	1	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient ...	2	1	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other Offences, etc. ..					
TOTAL ...	4	2	—		—

OSWESTRY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Sanitary Circumstances of the District.

Rainfall.—The total rainfall for the year 32.00 ins.

The following parishes are provided with a public water supply:—

	No. of houses supplied direct.	No. of houses supplied by stand-pipe.
Selattyn	195	89
Weston Rhyn	476	34
St. Martins	466	10
Whittington	648	15
Oswestry Rural	552	12
Llanymynech	152	10
Llanyblodwel	58	3
Total	2,547	173

RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS OF PIPED SUPPLIES.

Date.	Supply.	B.Coli per 100 ml.	Faecal Content.
15.2.52	Trefonen (Chlorinated)	0	0
20.5.52	Trefonen (Chlorinated)	0	0
20.5.52	Selattyn (Chlorinated)	180 plus	180 plus
20.5.52	Mardy (Chlorinated)	0	0
7.6.52	Llanymynech (Chlorinated)	5	1
9.6.52	Nantmawr	0	0
10.6.52	Maesbury	0	0
16.6.52	Selattyn	180 plus	160
8.7.52	Selattyn	180 plus	0
8.7.52	Selattyn (Chlorinated)	35	0
8.7.52	Selattyn (Chlorinated)	3	0
21.7.52	Selattyn (Chlorinated)	180 plus	180 plus
12.8.52	Selattyn (Chlorinated)	180 plus	180 plus
13.8.52	Selattyn (Chlorinated)	180 plus	180 plus
20.10.52	Llanymynech (Chlorinated)	90	90
20.10.52	Trefonen (Chlorinated)	0	0
20.10.52	Maesbury (Chlorinated)	0	0
20.10.52	Nantmawr	8	8
21.10.52	Mardy Supply (Chlorinated)	3	0
30.10.52	Nantmawr	20	5
30.10.52	Llanymynech (Chlorinated)	0	0

The Selattyn supply, despite chlorination, still continues to be unsatisfactory. However, it is hoped that this supply will soon be discontinued and the village supplied by the Mardy source.

Number of other Bacteriological Samples taken from Private Supplies 17

6 of these were found to be unsatisfactory.

The six unsatisfactory private supplies were investigated and after advice had been given and improvements carried out, two of the supplies were ultimately found to be satisfactory.The remaining four supplies were still being investigated at the end of the year.

WATER SCHEMES.

During the year the contract for the work in connection with the priority parts of the comprehensive water scheme was approved and it is hoped that the laying of the mains will soon be under way.

Ruyton-XI-Towns.

During the year the sinking of a borehole at Ruyton-XI-Towns was completed and tested for quantity and quality, and was found to be satisfactory. The results of the tests were forwarded to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government. A survey to ascertain the requirements of the area to be supplied from this source was in progress at the end of the year.

Sewerage.

The number of houses connected to the public sewer is 1,509.

HOUSING.

Number of Council Houses in process of erection during the year	84
Number of Council Houses completed during the year	56
Number of Private Houses in process of erection during the year	21
Number of Private Houses completed during the year	12
Number of houses planned for 1953	297

FILTHY AND VERMINOUS PREMISES

One house was found to be verminous and dealt with satisfactorily. Whilst several cases of alleged dirty premises have been investigated, only two were found to be filthy. One was quickly cleared up, and whilst there has been an improvements in the second case, many more supervisory visits will be necessary. This particular case has confronted the department with problems and it has been necessary to work in conjunction with Inspector Barker of the N.S.P.C.C., who has rendered valuable help. It was arranged for the housewife to receive treatment after being seen by a Psychiatrist, and it is hoped that when the course of treatment is complete the woman will be able to give more care to the home.

Close co-operation with the N.S.P.C.C. Inspector is maintained where children are concerned, as it is often found that a dirty uncared for home affects the well-being of the children, and is not conducive to them being brought up as good citizens, therefore, harmony and co-operation between the N.S.P.C.C. and the Health Department is of vital importance.

FOOD PREPARING PLACES

FRIED FISH SHOPS

Number of Registered Premises	6
Number of Unregistered premises	Nil.
Number of Inspections	14

BAKEHOUSES

Number of Premises	12
Number Inspected	12
Number of Inspections	17
Number of Written Notices	5
Number Complied with	4

CAFES AND RESTAURANTS

Number of Premises	15
Number Inspected	15
Number of Inspections	28
Notices Served	Nil.
Notices complied with	Nil.

MEAT PRODUCT PREPARATION ROOMS

Number of Premises	3
Number Inspected	3
Number of Inspections	9

ICE-CREAM PREMISES.

Number of Registered Premises	33

RESULTS OF SAMPLES

No. taken	1	2	3	4
5	5	-	-	-

All retailers of ice-cream in the district obtain their supplies from reputable firms, and, therefore, knowing that production is under keen supervision, and adverse samples being few, it is felt that sampling on a large scale in this type of district is not necessary. Premises are, however, inspected, and temperatures taken to ensure that the ice-cream is stored in accordance with the Heat Treatment Regulations and the Food and Drugs Act. Sampling is not easy in a scattered Rural District on account of delay in transit. Often it has been found that during very hot weather the samples have melted and were unfit for examination.

The standard of cleanliness in all food premises has been found to be very good. One large shop has installed cold storage during the year and the proprietor is satisfied that the high initial cost is gradually being repaid by the saving of food which would otherwise have been unfit for consumption if stored under normal atmospheric temperature over a period. It is hoped that other food premises will soon realise how important it is to store some types of food under proper conditions.

Whilst butchers shops generally are equipped with refrigerators, one sees far too much meat, meat pies, sausages, and other meat products displayed in shop windows, very often in temperatures exceeding that of the normal atmosphere. The ideal would, of course, be to store all products in a refrigerator in the shop. Refrigerators are provided with glass fronts, and, therefore, the butcher and fishmongers alike could still display their supplies, which is of course necessary for sale purposes. Not only would the cold atmosphere inhibit the growth of bacteria, but being under cover, the risk of contamination by droplet and other infection by customers, would be reduced considerably.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949

Samples taken for presence of Tubercle Bacillus:

Number	16
Positive	Nil
Negative	16
Number of samples taken for Methylene Blue test	6
Number found to be satisfactory	6

During the year figures were obtained from persons distributing milk in the district, and it is interesting to note that of 1,144 gallons sold daily, the amount is made up as follows:—

Tuberculin Tested 37.8 per cent; Pasteurised 47.2 per cent; Accredited 1.2 per cent; Ungraded 13.8 per cent.

DISTRIBUTORS

Notices served	4
Complied with	4
Dealer Licensed authorising Special Designation Tuberculin tested	5
Supplementary Licences authorising Special Designation Tuberculin tested	4
Supplementary Licences authorising Special Designation "Pasteurised"	3
Number of Registered Distributors	16

The public appear now to have overcome the prejudice against "Pasteurised" milk and judging from conversation with distributors, the demand is gradually on the increase.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Number of Animals Killed

Cattle excluding cows	Calves	Cows	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
1,230	1,618	629	7,938	1,745

Number of Animals Inspected by Rural Inspector

Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
941	815	3,949	862

MEAT AND FOODS CONDEMNED

MEAT

47 lbs. Hindquarter Beef. 83 lbs. Imported Beef. 19½ lbs. Pork.
45 lbs. 14 oz. Cooked Ham. 32 lbs. 11oz. Luncheon Meat
20 Irish Rabbits.

FISH

5 lbs. Tinned Pilchards. 3 lbs. 7 oz. Tinned Salmon.

MILK

14 tins Evaporated Milk.

CHEESE

1 Box Portioned Cheese.

MISCELLANEOUS

3 lbs. 7oz. Tinned Peas. 30 lbs. 5½ oz. Tinned Tomatoes
3 lbs. Tinned Beans in Tomato. 18 lbs. Tinned Apples.
1 lb. 15 oz. Tinned Strawberries. 2 Tins Orange Segments.
24½ lbs. Tinned Cherries. 9 lbs. 6 oz. Tinned Pears.
5 lbs. 10 oz. Tinned Plums. 1 lb. Tinned Grapes.
12 lbs. 9½ oz. Tinned Grapefruit Segments.
2 lbs. Tinned Pineapple. 40½ lbs. sweets.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Refuse is collected from about 73 per cent of the premises in the district and is carried out by direct labour. Salvage of waste-paper, cardboard, etc., continues to be collected in conjunction with the refuse. The demand for salvage has not been quite so great as in previous years, and the Mill has requested us to try and restrict our despatches of waste-paper to about four tons per month.

With regard to refuse collection, tipping sites in the northern area of the district are becoming more difficult to find, every year, and it appears that the time has now come when the Council will have to consider the purchasing of land for controlled tipping to serve St. Martins, Weston Rhyn, and Gobowen.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

During the year 110 contracts for the destruction of rats and mice were entered into with the Council. A large military camp which was previously treated by military personnel, is now treated by the Council's operatives and greatly assists in keeping down the infestation in the area. The Council having obtained the contract for the camp, decided to engage another operative for treatment of the camp and inspection work in other parts of the district. The man left the Council after about 3 months, and at the end of the year we were trying to obtain the service of another man.

The functions of the Act are still administered by a Joint Committee of the Oswestry Rural District Council and the Oswestry Borough Council.

It is felt that when a new man is appointed and starts inspection work, many infested premises will be revealed.

Very little trouble has been experienced in food shops and warehouses, as can be expected in a Rural area, the majority of infestations are found on agricultural premises.

No evidence of rats was found in the Council sewers.

NUISANCES

Number dealt with by informal Notices	117
Number complied with	96
Number of Abatement Notices	6
Number complied with	3

ASHBINS

The present law relating to ashbins makes it very difficult in many cases to decide whether the owner or the occupier should supply an ashbin. During the year the department has adopted the method of notifying the owner and the occupier that an ashbin must be provided and more often than not, both parties get together and arrange between them as to whom shall provide the receptacle. This practice also saves much time in obtaining particulars which would probably be necessary if the Local Authority decided to serve a formal notice.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

There are 8 caravans used as moveable dwellings and licensed in accordance with the Public Health Act, 1936.

LICENSED HOUSES

Inspections have been made of licensed houses during the year, and each premises has been conducted satisfactorily.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

There are no public conveniences in the district.

RURAL DISTRICT OF OSWESTRY.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1.—**INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	9	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	64	70	11	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	71	79	11	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH **DEFECTS** WERE FOUND.

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases.")

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred To H.M. Inspector.	Referred By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	6	6	—	1	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ...	1	—	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	2	2	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	11	10	—	2	—

WEM RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Water Supplies.

The following details are of the Council's piped water supplies in the District:—

Prees Waterworks.

1 Number of dwellings supplied from mains 229
(a) direct to houses 190
(b) by means of standpipes 39
2 Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated) 618
(a) direct to houses 501
(b) by means of standpipes 117

Higher Heath Waterworks

1 Number of dwellings supplied from water mains 159
(a) permanent 26
(b) temporary 133
2 Number of population supplied by water mains (Estimated) 448

Parts of the villages of Preston Brockhurst, Grinshill, Ash, Clive, Hadnall and Stanton are supplied by private undertakers, as follows:—

Acton Reynolds Estate Supply, Preston Brockhurst and Grinshill.

1 Number of dwellings supplied from water mains 108
(a) direct to houses 86
(b) by means of standpipes 22
2 Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated) 378

Duchy of Lancaster Supply, Ash.

1 Number of dwellings supplied from water mains 30
2 Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated) 105

Meadowfields Farm Supply, Clive.

1 Number of dwellings supplied from water mains 107
(a) direct to houses 97
(b) by means of standpipes 10
2 Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated) 370

Hardwicke Estate Supply.

1 Number of dwellings supplied from water mains 142
(a) direct to houses 103
(b) by means of standpipes 39
2 Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated) 497

Harcourt Estate Supply.

(a) Danes Well.

1 Number of dwellings supplied from water mains 10
(a) direct to houses 7
(b) by means of standpipes 3
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated) 35

(b) **Reservoir**

1 Number of dwelliings supplied from water mains 52
direct to houses 48
(b) by means of standpipees 4

2 Number of populattion supplied by wateer mains (estimated) 182

In addition, the hamlets of Aston, Barkers Green and Tilley, and the temporary hutted camp at Bridleway Gate obtain water in bulk from the Wem Urban District Council as under:—

1 Number of dwellings supplied from water mains 87
(a) direct to mains .....
(i) permanent dweellings 37
(ii) temporary dwellings 22
(b) by means of standpipes
(i) permanent dwellings 26
(ii) temporary dwellings 2

2 Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated) 305
(a) direct to mains .....
(i) permanent dwellings 129
(ii) temporary dwellings 77
(b) by means of standpipes
(i) permanent dwellings 92
(ii) temporary dwellings 7

Summary.

1 Total number of dwellings supplied from water mains 924

2 Total population suplied by water mains (estimated) 2938

The number of houses which have a piped supply of water constitutes about 28 per cent. of the total number of houses in the district, the remaining houses obtain their supplies from wells. Much of this well water is of doubtful quality and in a large proportion of cases the water has to be carried some distance. Where the water is found to be of doubtful quality, consumers are advised to boil it before drinking.

The Council have approved a comprehensive scheme for providing a piped supply of water to the district. Work on this scheme cannot be commenced until sanctioned by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Results of samples of piped water supplies to villages.

		No. of coliform bacilli per 100 ml.	Faecal coli per cent.
Prees	11th Feb. 52	Nil	Nil
Higher Heath	11th Feb. 52	Nil	Nil
Acton Reynold Estate Supply ...	18th Feb. 52	Nil	Nil
Meadowfield Farm Supply ...	18th Feb. 52	1	Nil
Hardwicke Estate Supply ...	18th Feb. 52	1	Nil

Drainage and Sewerage.

There is no house in the district connected to a public sewer. No record exists of the number of houses which have their own private arrangements for sewage disposal, nor of satisfactory and unsatisfactory sewage disposal works.

Schemes for sewering the village of Ash and Prees are being prepared.

Public Conveniences.

There is no public convenience in the district. The Council have in hand a scheme for the erection of public conveniences at Prees Heath.

Housing.

Number of inspections made of houses during the year	47
Number where repairs have been carried out	9
Number closed	Nil
Number of houses known to be overcrowded	1

Repairs to houses were negotiated informally.

Council Houses.

The total number of houses owned by the Council is 279. The Council act as agents for the Ministry of Health for 153 temporary dwellings.

Details of the Council's housing programme during the year are:—

Number of houses completed during the year	15
Number of houses in progress or erection at end of year	27

No temporary houses were erected during the year.

Private Enterprise Houses.

Number completed during the year	(a) permanent	13
	(b) temporary	1
Number in process of erection at end of year		8

Moveable Dwellings.

12 licences were issued to persons to station and use moveable dwellings. Routine inspection is carried out of these dwellings and no nuisance has occurred during the year.

Food Preparing Premises.

Routine inspections are made of food shops and preparing premises and advice has been given where required on the hygiene of storage and handling of foodstuffs. Constant reminders are given to food handlers of the need for frequent washing of the hands, and the immediate need for doing so after using the sanitary convenience.

Where repairs have been requested at premises, owners have been co-operative and it was not found necessary to take statutory action.

Food Shops and Premises, other than those detailed specifically.

Number of inspections	24
Number where defects found	2
Number where defects remedied	1

Bakehouses.

Number of premises	6
Number of inspections	3
Number where defects found	2
Number where defects remedied	1

Fried Fish Shops and Restaurants.

Number of premises 1
Number of inspections 2

During the inspections, conditions were satisfactory.

Cafes, Restaurants and Hotel Kitchens.

Number of premises 26
Number of inspections 10

Informal action has been taken to improve conditions in four of the premises inspected. In one case defects have been remedied, and in the other three premises improvements were receiving attention at the end of the year.

Ice Cream Premises.

Number of ice-cream manufacturers 1
(a) Heat treated ..... Nil.
(b) Cold mix 1
Number of ice-cream retailers (including the manufacturer) 14

Conditions during inspections of the premises were found to be satisfactory. The majority of the ice-cream sold is pre-wrapped by the manufacturers.

Butchers.

Number of premises 3
Number of inspections 3

During the inspections conditions were satisfactory.

Meat for the District is supplied by Ministry of Food Depots at Shrewsbury and Whitchurch, and is transported in modern metal-lined containers. During the year, routine inspections were made of the containers, and the vans were found to be in a clean and satisfactory condition.

Slaughterhouses.

There was no slaughterhouse licensed in the district during the year.

Hotels, Beer Houses and Cellars.

Number of premises inspected 7
Number where defects found 2

Remedy of defects was receiving attention at the end of the year.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

Number of distributors as defined in the Regulations 4
Number of retailers of Tuberculin Tested milk 4
Number of retailers of Pasteurised milk 2

Food Condemned during the Year.

Canned Foods:—	Morfat dripping	2 tins totalling	1½ lbs.
	Ham	3 tins totalling	26 lbs.
Other foods:—	Bread		12 lbs.
	Cake and Pudding Mixture		12 lbs.
	Cured bacon		60 lbs.
	Shoulder of bacon		12 lbs.

Infectious Disease.

22 visits have been made in connection with enquiries and the disinfection of premises where cases of infectious disease have occurred in the district.

Nuisances.

Three nuisances occurred in the district during the year. All were abated informally.

Verminous Premises and Articles.

No premises were found to be verminous. A complaint of filthy conditions at a house in the district was investigated and an improvement in the conditions was made as the result of informal action.

Lodging Houses.

There is no lodging house in the district.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Refuse is collected by contract once each month from approximately 2,000 houses. The service extends to 14 Parishes of the District.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Acts, 1949.

Inspections of premises under this Act are carried out from time to time; the following is a summary for 1952:—

Number of properties inspected	111
(a) Local Authority premises	2
(b) Dwelling houses	47
(c) Agricultural premises	4
(d) Other premises (including business and industrial)	58
Number of properties found to be infested with rats	1
Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act	Nil.
Number of premises cleared of rats	1

RURAL DISTRICT OF WEM.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

PART I OF THE ACT.

1.—**INSPECTIONS** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	49	8	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	—	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	17	12	—	—
TOTAL ...	66	20	—	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH **DEFECTS** WERE FOUND.

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases.")

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred To H.M. Inspector.	Referred By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ...	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	—	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	1	—	—	—	—

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